



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
**(Case No. 98,162)**

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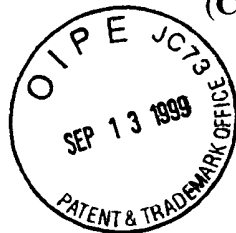
## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached Forth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO 1449, and return receipt postcard.
2. With respect to the additional fees:
  - A.   x   No additional fee is required.
3. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
4. CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CRF §1.8: The undersigned certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper, as described in paragraph 1 hereinabove, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on this 9th day of September, 1999.

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**PATENT**

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In re Application of:

DeGendt, et al.

Serial No.: 09/022,834

Filed: February 13, 1998

For: METHOD FOR REMOVING ORGANIC  
CONTAMINANTS FROM A  
SEMICONDUCTOR SURFACE

Group Art Unit: 1763

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**FORTH SUPPLEMENTAL  
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure provided by 37 §§ C.F.R. 1.56 and 1.97-98, the applicant wishes to make the references listed in the enclosed PTO-1449 form of record in the above-identified application.

It is requested that the references be given careful consideration and that they be cited of record in the present application so that they will appear on the face of the patent issuing from the present application. Return of the an initialed PTO-1449 indicating the Examiner's consideration of the references is requested.

In the judgment of the undersigned, portions of the references may be material to the examination of the pending claims. However, the references have not been reviewed in sufficient detail to make any other representation and, in particular, no representation is intended as to the relative importance of any portion of the references. This Forth Supplemental

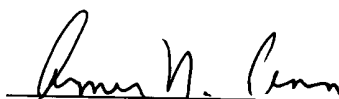
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Statement is not a representation that the cited references have effective dates early enough to be "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. sections 102 or 103. This forth supplemental information disclosure statement shall not be construed as an admission that the statement or cited references are, or are considered to be, material to patentability. 37 C.F.R. 1.97 (h).

These references were cited by the European Patent Office in a search report dated less than 3 months prior to today's date. Therefore, no fee is necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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DATED: September 9, 1999